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TRIFUNCTIONAL DETECTING REAGENT USED AND DETECTING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the Office Communication mailed October 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this response.